

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This is a further response to the final Office Action dated January 6, 2011 and follows the Request For Continued Examination filed on June 3, 2011. Claims 1-12 are pending and claims 1, 11 and 12 have been amended herein.


Applicant appreciates the courtesy extended to Applicant and his undersigned attorney by Examiners Kirsch and Stashick during the telephone interview of August 23, 2011. During the interview, the amendments submitted with Applicant's response dated May 6, 2011 were discussed. The Examiner pointed out minor formal matters, which are addressed in the present Amendment. In addition, the Examiner suggested clarifying that the radius R1 recited in the claims corresponds to the maximum inner radius of the closure. Claims 1, 11 and 12 have been amended herein to include this language. Otherwise, the Examiner indicated that the amended claims appeared to be patentable over the cited art.

In light of the remarks and amendments made herein, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-12 are patentable over the cited art and are in condition for allowance.

Favorable reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

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